(b) whether it is a fact that there is some back-log in the evaluation of such data; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI SHIV SHANKAR): (a) The seismic data collected by ONGC and OIL is being processed and interpreted with least possible delay.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is a back-log of about 38000 lin_e kms. of seismic data to be processed. The available computer capacity with ONGC is being augmented by acquisition of a large size computer and by . utilising the computer of National Informatics Centre.

Implementation of Drug Policy, 197S

1942. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most •of the major provisions of Drug Policy of 1978 have not been implemented by his Ministry due to which the production of bulk drugs from basic stages has suffered but the imports of bulk drugs and prices of medicines have gone up;

(b) what is tho value of indigenous production and import of bulk drugs during 1983-84; and

(c) whether his Ministry is proposing to delete all the major provisions and has set up working groups and Steering Committees towards this pur pose?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b). Of the 104 paragraphs of the 1978 Drug Policy all but 20 paragraphs have been implemented. The value of production -and import of bulk drugs during 1983-84 are estimated to be of order of Rs. 345 crores, and Rs. 123.06 crores respectively. As compared to i previous years, the import of bulk drugs and drug intermediates including chemicals and solvents during 1983-84 has not increased substantially as a percentage of total indigenous bulk drug production. Similarly there is no upward swing in the prices of medicines.

(c) No, Sir. The National Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Development Council has been entrusted with the review of total drug policy on the basis of experience gained so far in its implementation and the overall requirement of drug industry.

Increase in prices of Antibiotic Medicines based on doxycycline

1943. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently increased the prices of important antibiotic medicines based on Doxycycline;

(b) if so, what are the earlier and the revised prices;

(c) what is the justification for the increase in the price, of Doxycycline;

(d) what are the names of the formulators of this drug and how much stock of bulk drug each formulator was possessing at the time of price increase; and

(e) whether Government are taking any steps to ensure that the formulators do not make any unintended profits and the benefit of old stocks at lower prices should go to the consumers, and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (e). Leader price of 4's pack' of Doxycycline lOOmg/capsule was increased from Rs. 5.34 to